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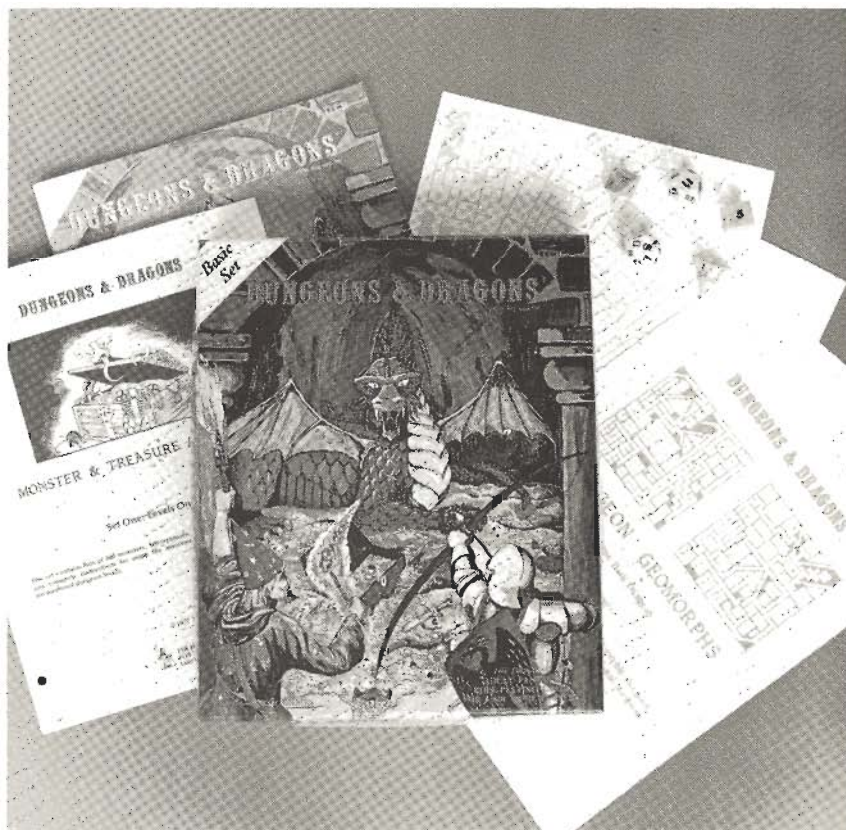
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Command Study

By Rick Mataka, Special Projects Editor



IF there is one thing that influences peoples opinion about a subject it is the News media. This holds true whether it be in papers, TV or magazines. The same is true for the Wargaming, Boardgaming and Military Miniature hobby as it has its wide variety of publications. With all of them, they give complete coverage to their specific subject.

Given here is a brief look at these various hobby publications and the audience that they are aimed at. Following all of the descriptions there is an address listing of the publishers who distribute them.

BATTLE, for wargamers, is an English produced magazine distributed by Bill Dean Books, retail \$1.50. Magazine contains excellent reviews of English products and also a fine book review column. There are also special sections dealing with Modern Weaponry and answers to Armoured Fighting Vehicle questions. Charles Grant, who is one of the best known writers in the wargame field, also has a special column devoted to the different aspects of wargaming. There are also numerous short feature articles each month. An excellent magazine to see how gaming is on another continent.

CAMPAIGNS is a U.S. based magazine mainly devoted to the larger scale military miniatures, retail \$2.00. There are occasional articles dealing with wargaming. Professionally produced on slick paper, its subjects vary each month. Contains numerous photographs, some in color. More historically oriented and contains much useful uniform information. An excellent magazine with quality articles; published bi-monthly. For the connoisseur of military miniatures who appreciates works of art from around the world.

THE DRAGON, published by TSR Hobbies, is a fantasy gaming magazine that retails for \$1.50. Often contains articles from some of the most famous Fantasy book writers of today. Many articles are stories of fantasy journeys that players write about after the game. Also included are insights into the systems of some

of the Fantasy games played today. Good for the fantasy gamer and enjoyable reading for everyone else.

FIRE AND MOVEMENT is known as the forum of Conflict Simulation (Boardgaming), is bi-monthly and retails for \$1.50. It is available from Baron Publications. Aimed more at the experienced boardgamer, it contains numerous articles on a variety of different games. Some of the best known writers in the boardgame field regularly contribute to this magazine. It has become well known for its in-depth articles on games and reviews of games. Also, designers notes on the secrets behind a game's design and interviews with various boardgaming personalities highlight various issues. Excellent for boardgamers looking for highly detailed articles.

THE AVALON HILL GENERAL is another boardgaming magazine that is bi-monthly and retails for \$1.50. This publication covers only games that Avalon Hill publishes. Every issue contains at least two different features. One of them is normally a detailed look at a game's historical background and the game itself. While the other covers a move by move look as a game is played, tactics employed and gamers' notes. Extremely useful for the Avalon Hill Game player because of its variety of different subjects.

LITTLE WARS by TSR Hobbies is a quarterly magazine devoted to the various historical periods of wargaming. Each issue gives you details on some of the games with their historical background. A variety of periods are covered with much useful information given. Its in depth history reports along with the gaming view makes it an excellent publication covering a wide variety of subjects.

MILITARY MODELLING is another one of those excellent English magazines distributed here in the U.S. by Bill Dean Books and retails for \$1.75. Like its sister magazine Battle, many of the reviews are the same. But, the scope of its major articles cover a different area. This one deals

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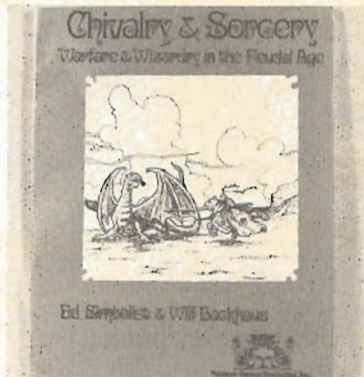
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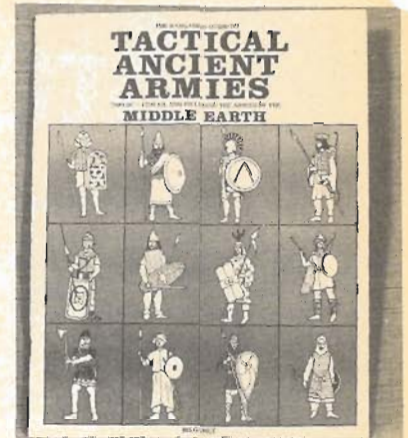
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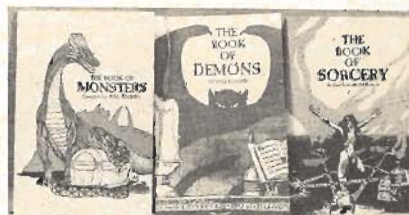
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mostly with the larger scale military miniatures. Its historical articles are excellent along with the color photos and figures of the subject being covered. Another fine magazine that shows you what the collectors in other parts of the world are interested in.

MILITARY MODELER is another U.S. based publication that is monthly and retails for \$2.50. It takes a little different approach on presenting its information—they use a large number of photographs in black and white and color to supplement the written material. Not only large scale military miniatures are covered but also different types of dioramas with military vehicles. The

large number of close up shots from various angles can give the reader some ideas for his own dioramas. A good magazine for both modelers and military miniaturists.

MOVES magazine is another boardgaming magazine and is distributed by Hippocrene; retails \$2.00. This magazine contains in depth looks at various games in the boardgaming industry. Although mostly oriented towards the Simulations Publications Inc. games others are occasionally covered. Can be thought of as the strategy and tactics magazine of game playing for the SPI games. Also contains some fine reviews of other publishers in the boardgaming field. An excellent magazine for the SPI game player.

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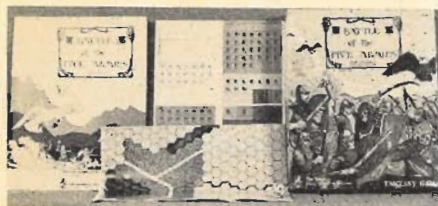
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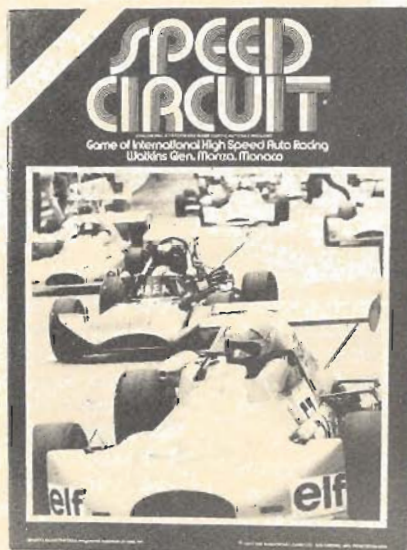


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different aspects from battles fought, to weaponry, to unit badges, to special units throughout the 20th century. Hardly any gaming covered but is an excellent magazine for the Military historian who wants detailed information. Many articles contain specifications of the subject that is covered. A good magazine to supplement the gaming magazines.

STRATEGY AND TACTICS is a historical/boardgame magazine distributed by Kalmbach and retails for \$5.00. The reason for this high retail price is that in each issue there is a boardgame included. This game contains map, rules and die cut counters. In the magazine there is one historically oriented article dealing with the game giving you its background. The other feature is also historically oriented, normally on a different subject. Has just about the largest circulation of any boardgaming magazines and is very popular in the way that it covers its subjects. An excellent magazine and normally contains some fine games.

WARGAMING is a relatively new bi-monthly magazine and is distributed by Bill Dean Books on the East Coast and Coulter-Bennett on the West Coast; retail \$1.75. So far only two issues have been published and in each a little of everything has been covered. Boardgaming, Wargaming and Uniform information have been given in detail. Publication leans heavily towards the Fantasy area but other subjects are covered. An excellent general hobby magazine that has a little of everything for everyone.

WARGAMERS DIGEST is a monthly wargaming magazine that is available from Kalmbach and retails for \$1.25. The scope of its coverage ranges from Modern to the Ancients. Most of the features seem to be on World War II as this is one of the most popular periods. Many articles detailing games that were played and how they recreated history. Aimed mostly at the beginning wargamer it is an excellent publication.

This covers all of the major magazines that are internationally distributed. This by no means is a complete and comprehensive list—there are many other small papers and non-professionally produced publications on the market. But, the one thing that is quite noticeable is the fact that new magazines are always popping up covering different areas with new ideas. By far, the Wargaming, Boardgaming and Military Miniature hobby is just beginning to grow in its popularity.

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